

Chapter 2 Homework Problems:

1. MWIR radiation covers the 3-5 μ portion of the EM spectrum. What energy range does this correspond to, in eV.

$$Energy = hf = \frac{hc}{\lambda} = \frac{4.136 \times 10^{-15} \text{ eV s} \cdot 3 \times 10^8 \frac{m}{s}}{\lambda} = \frac{1.238 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eV m}}{\lambda (m)}$$

Energy = 0.413 eV, 0.248 eV at 3 and 5 micron, respectively

2. What frequency is an x-band radar? What wavelength?
3 cm, 1×10^{10} Hz
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3. What is the ground state energy for an He⁺ ion, in eV. (Note, Z=2)

$$Energy = -\frac{13.6 \text{ eV} \cdot Z^2}{n^2}; Z = 2, n = 1$$

Energy = -54.4 eV (note, the minus sign is important, it means the electron is trapped.)

4. Calculate the energy (in eV), frequency (in Hz), and wavelength (in meters, microns, and nano-meters) for the n=4 to n=2 transition in a hydrogen atom (note, Z=1). This is the Balmer- β transition.

$$Energy = -\frac{13.6 \text{ eV} \cdot Z^2}{n^2}; Z = 1, n = 2, 4$$

The energy levels involved here are n = 2 (E = -3.39 eV), and n = 4 (E = -0.85).

For an emitted photon, we get

$$\Delta E = E_4 - E_2 = -0.85 - (-3.39) = 2.54 \text{ eV}$$

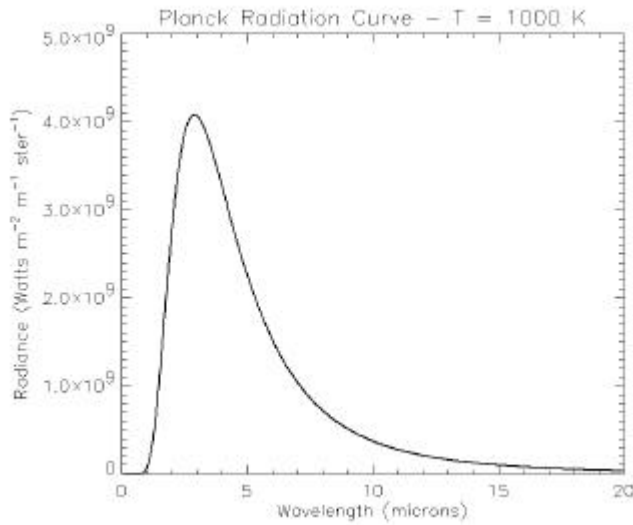
$$Energy = hf; f = \frac{Energy}{h} = \frac{2.54 \text{ eV}}{4.136 \times 10^{-15} \text{ eV s}} = 6.156 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8 \frac{m}{s}}{6.156 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}} = 4.87 \times 10^{-7} \text{ meters}$$

or 4861 Angstroms officially, the Balmer- β line.

5. Student exercise: check long wavelength behavior - use the fact that for small x : $e^x - 1 \approx x$ to get rid of the exponential term in the denominator. Also, which term dominates L for small wavelength?
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6. Calculate the radiance, $L(\lambda)$, for $T = 1000$ K, from $\lambda=0$ - 20μ , and plot. Note that this is an exercise in calculation, and you should be sure you can obtain the correct answer with a hand calculator at a minimum of 2 wavelengths - say 3 and 10 μ .



note that I have used purely metric units here, vice the inverse microns in the text illustration.

7. Calculate the peak wavelength for radiation at $T=297$ K, 1000 K, and 5800 K, in microns and nano-meters.

$$I_{\max} = \frac{a}{T} = \frac{2.9 \times 10^{-3}}{T}$$

= 9.73, 2.89, and 0.498 microns, respectively. The 2.89 micron peak is the location of the peak in the above figure.

8. Calculate the radiated power for a black body at 297 K, in Watts/m².

Radiated Power = $\epsilon \sigma T^4$ where we are taking $\epsilon = 1$ in the absence of any other information.

$$\text{Radiated Power} = 1 \bullet 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \bullet 297^4 = 441.2 \frac{\text{Watts}}{\text{m}^2}$$

If your body's surface area is about 0.25 m², then you are producing the same amount of heat as a 100 Watt light bulb.

9. Calculate the radiated power for a gray body at 297 K, $\epsilon=0.8$, in Watts/m². Assume a surface area of 2 m², and calculate the radiated power, in Watts

$$\text{Radiated Power} = 0.8 \bullet 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \bullet 297^4 = 353 \frac{\text{Watts}}{\text{m}^2}$$

For a surface area of 2 m², this is 706 Watts

10. Snell's law in optics is normally given as:

$$n_1 \sin q_1 = n_2 \sin q_2$$

Where the angles are defined as in Figure 2.10. For an air/water interface, one can use the typical values: $n_1 = 1$; $n_2 = 1.33$. For such values, calculate q_2 if $q_1 = 30^\circ$. What is the speed of light in water?

$$\sin q_2 = \frac{\sin 30^\circ}{1.33} = \frac{0.5}{1.33} = 0.376$$

$$q_2 = 22.1^\circ$$

$$v = \frac{c}{n} = 2.256 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$